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1. OUR CONTACTS AT THE FCO AND DEPARTMENT OF TRADE
ASSURE US THAT TRADE MINISTER PETER SHORE LEFT FOR
TEHRAN WITH A "VERY STRONG BRIEF" NOT TO AGREE TO EC
TRADE PREFERENCES FOR IRAN.

2. OUR SOURCES CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT SHORE WILL HOLD
TO THIS POSITION DURING HIS VISIT, WHICH ENDS
JANUARY 30, BUT THEY EXPECT THAT HE WILL. THEY POINT
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OUT THAT, AS A LEADING ANTI-MARKETEER, SHORE WOULD NOT

BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF THE
COMMUNITY'S EXTERNAL RELATIONS. HE IS ALSO FULLY
AWARE OF THE SERIOUS CONCERN WITH WHICH EC PREFERENCES
FOR IRAN ARE VIEWED IN THE US.

3. COMMENT: AS INDICATED IN REFTEL C, THE BRITISH
MAY ULTIMATELY AGREE TO EC PREFERENCES FOR IRAN IF
THEY FIND THEMSELVES ISOLATED ON THIS ISSUE WITHIN
THE EC. DESPITE THE PRESSURE THAT IS EXPECTED FROM
THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT DURING SHORE'S CURRENT VISIT,
WE EXPECT THAT THE UK WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST PREFER-
ENCES FOR IRAN AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.

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